## **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

A method and system for routing messages addressed to mobile devices that do not have a valid telephone number. The method includes receiving a message addressed to a recipient address having two sections: a first section with a two-part prefix comprising a mobile identification number (MIN) identifier and a network identifier, and a second section comprising a MIN; identifying from the first section that the second section is a MIN belonging to a destination network; stripping the two-part prefix from the address; and sending the message to the mobile device using the original MIN. The prefix is preferably of type AAABBB, where AAA is the MIN identifier and BBB is the network identifier. The system includes a message routing function operative to perform identification of the mobile device from the recipient address.